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(*h*) whether they are aware that such practice causes great inconvenience to the travelling public;

(*i*) whether they are aware that the public were put to serious trouble and inconvenience during the recent Visagom festival at Cape Comorin owing to want of proper arrangement in running and regulating sufficient number of buses in the Nagercoil-Cape line.

(*j*) is the system of issuing tickets to through passengers in preference to passengers for short distances being adopted or followed in the department?

(*k*) the number of passengers that may be transported without overloading and the number of passengers that are actually being transported at present for a day in the Transport buses throughout the State;

(*l*) whether they are aware that the practice of issuing number chits before tickets are issued is advantageous and convenient to the travelling public as is being done by private agencies and the department at Quilon; and

(*m*) why the system is not being adopted in other stations of the Department?

Mr. E. G. Salter: (*a*) 20.

(*b*) At an average 4,500.

(*c*) No register is being maintained but daily reports are being received. The average number of break downs per day is four during the period for the entire service.

(*d*) They are conveyed in the buses that follow.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) 3.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) No.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) This depends upon the type of vehicle and the length of journey of individual passengers. The average number of passengers actually carried per day is 25,000.

(*l*) Yes.

(*m*) At Trivandrum a better system is adopted and arrangements are being made to introduce it in other places as well.

Employees in the State Transport Department.

76. * **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of employees in the State Transport Department (i) whose services are pensionable; and (ii) whose services are non-pensionable;

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(*b*) whether there are graduates as Inspectors and Time-keepers whose services are not pensionable ;

(*c*) whether there are clerks with non-pensionable service while there are others with pensionable service ; and

(*d*) whether any provision is made to set apart amounts from yearly profits so that these employees when they retire may get a consolidated sum in the shape of Provident Fund or Insurance amount ?

Mr. E. G. Salter : (*a*) Pensionable 141 ; Non pensionable 898.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. But the department is contributing to a Provident Fund at the rate of 5% of the pay of each employee.

Revision of scales of pay to drivers and conductors.

77. *** Mr. T. M Chidambarathanu Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for the revision of scales of pay to drivers and conductors ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the pay and allowances due to the subordinates in the department are not disbursed regularly and promptly ?

Mr. E. G. Salter : (*a*) A revision of scales of pay of drivers is under consideration.

(*b*) No.

Wholesale ration dealers in the Parur taluk.

78. *** Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of wholesale ration dealers in the Parur taluk ;

(*b*) the number of retail ration dealers in that taluk ;

(*c*) whether there are any ration shops either retail or wholesale which have not been inspected by the Taluk Rationing Officer during the last three months ; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, the number of such shops ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies*) :

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) 225.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 39

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